

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2150 - SB 2127**

February 25, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the Professional Art Therapist Advisory Committee of the Board of Examiners in Psychology (the Board). The advisory committee is to consist of three members who are licensed as professional art therapists and shall be actively engaged in the practice or teaching of art therapy in this state at the time of their appointment by the Governor. Entitles members to travel and other appropriate expenses while engaged in committee business. Requires the Division of Health Related Boards in the Department of Health (DOH) to provide administrative support to the advisory committee. Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense for unauthorized use of the title “licensed professional art therapist” and for conducting business as such without a appropriate licensure. Effective January 1, 2019.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue - \$10,500/FY18-19/Board of Examiners in Psychology  
\$10,500/FY19-20/Board of Examiners in Psychology  
\$7,900/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years  
/Board of Examiners in Psychology**

**Increase State Expenditures – Less than \$11,200/FY18-19  
/Board of Examiners in Psychology  
Less than \$12,000/FY19-20  
/Board of Examiners in Psychology  
Less than \$9,400/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years  
/Board of Examiners in Psychology**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Examiners in Psychology had an annual surplus of \$78,383 in FY15-16, an annual surplus of \$64,956 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,068,496 on June 30, 2017.**

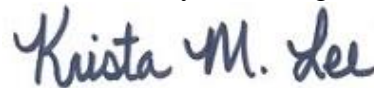
**Assumptions:**

- The art therapist license will cost at minimum \$300. The biennial renewal fee will be \$225.

- It is estimated there are approximately 70 art therapist in the state. For this analysis, it is assumed licensure for art therapist will remain constant.
- Assuming 50 percent become licensed in FY18-19 the increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$10,500 [(70 art therapist x 50.0%) x \$300].
- The remaining 50 percent will be licensed in FY19-20, the increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$10,500 [(70 art therapist x 50.0%) x \$300].
- In FY20-21 and subsequent years, there will be licensure renewal fee revenue resulting in an increase in state revenue exceeding \$7,875 [(70 art therapist x 50.0%) x \$225].
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health, the Board can accommodate the proposed legislation utilizing existing resources.
- The Board will consist of three members and the advisory committee will meet four times a year.
- It is estimated the three board members will receive mileage reimbursement of \$123 to attend each meeting. The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$1,476 (\$123 x 4 meetings x 3 members).
- Due to the effective date, it is assumed the board members will attend one meeting in FY18-19. The increase in state expenditures for the board members in FY18-19 is estimated to be \$738 (\$1,476 x 50.0%).
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY18-19 is estimated to be less than \$11,238 (\$10,500 + \$738).
- The total increase in state expenditures in FY19-20 is estimated to be less than \$11,976 (\$10,500 + \$1,476).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 and subsequent years is estimated to be less than \$9,351 (\$7,875 + \$1,476).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had an annual surplus of \$78,383 in FY15-16, an annual surplus of \$64,956 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,068,496 on June 30, 2017.
- There will not be a sufficient number of Class B misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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